



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

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*Via Email Delivery to 56712-54334864@requests.muckrock.com*

Ms. Emma Best  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request SBA-2019-000061, FR-10/18-04

Dear Ms. Best:

Enclosed please find the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General's (SBA OIG) response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 22, 2018. In that request, you sought documents from the OIG. The SBA OIG received your request on October 22, 2018.

**In our search, we located 33 pages of information responsive to your requests. We withheld some information under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), respectively.**

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with this reply, you have the right to appeal it, within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, to the Chief, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416. Should you choose to do so, please include a copy of this letter in your appeal, as well as any other matters you deem appropriate.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathania M. Bates". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathania M. Bates  
Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General

cc: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office